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COUNTY COUNCIL

OF

HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

BILL NO. 78-68 (as amended)

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Introduced by Councilman Shumate

Legislative Day No. 78-26

Date: August 15, 1978

AN ACT to add new Section 11-20.1, heading, Program Termination, to Article 1, heading, In General, of Chapter 11, heading, Finance and Taxation, all of the Harford County Code, said new Section to provide for the automatic termination of any County program when the purpose for which that program was established is no longer valid.

By the Council, August 15, 1978

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled

on: September 19, 1978

at: 7 p.m.

By Order: Angela Markowski, Secretary

PUBLIC HEARING

Having been posted and Notice of time and place of hearing and Title of Bill having been published according to the Charter, a public hearing was held on September 19, 1978 and concluded on September 19, 1978.

Angela Markowski, Secretary

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Section 1. *Be It Enacted By The County Council Of Harford County, Maryland*, that new Section 11-20.1, heading, Program Termination, be, and it is hereby added to Article 1, heading, In General, of Chapter 11, heading, Finance and Taxation, all of the Harford County Code, and all to read as follows:

CHAPTER 11. FINANCE AND TAXATION.

ARTICLE 1. IN GENERAL.

Section 11-20.1. Program Termination.

(a) Any program established pursuant to the budgetary laws of Harford County shall expire and have no further funds allocated to it upon the occurrence of any of the following events:

(1) A program's funding shall expire three (3) years following the date of establishment; unless extended by legislative act of the County Council; or

(2) The purpose for which the program was established is no longer viable; as determined after careful study of all pertinent facts and data; and such program shall then expire; and shall only be revived upon a majority vote of the County Council sitting in legislative session.

(b) Any funds remaining in a terminated program shall be transferred to the General Fund for use in other programs.

(c) This Section shall not apply to funding programs of fire protection; police protection or other public safety programs; and any obligations established by the Harford County Charter or State law.

(1) A PROGRAM'S FUNDING SHALL EXPIRE THREE (3) YEARS FOLLOWING THE DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT, UNLESS EXTENDED BY LEGISLATIVE ACTION BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES:

(A) THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION SHALL REVIEW EACH PROGRAM IN ITS THIRD YEAR OF OPERATION AND SUBMIT A

1 REPORT IN WRITING TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL WITH RECOMMENDATIONS FOR
2 CONTINUATION OR EXPIRATION. THE REPORT SHALL BE SENT TO THE
3 COUNTY COUNCIL ON OR BEFORE APRIL 15TH IN THE YEAR PRECEDING
4 POSSIBLE EXPIRATION.

5 (B) THE RECOMMENDATIONS SHALL BE APPROVED
6 OR DISAPPROVED AT LEGISLATIVE SESSION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL PRIOR
7 TO THE ENSUING FISCAL YEAR. PROGRAMS RECOMMENDED AND APPROVED
8 FOR TERMINATION SHALL EXPIRE AND ONLY BE REVIVED UPON MAJORITY
9 VOTE OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL SITTING IN LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

10 (C) PROGRAMS NOT DISCONTINUED MAY REMAIN IN
11 THE NORMAL BUDGET PROCESS. HOWEVER, THE PROGRAMS SHALL BE
12 REVIEWED AGAIN IN THREE (3) YEARS.

13 (D) ANY FUNDS REMAINING IN A TERMINATED
14 PROGRAM SHALL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE GENERAL FUND FOR USE IN OTHER
15 PROGRAMS.

16 (E) THIS SECTION SHALL NOT APPLY TO FUNDING
17 PROGRAMS OF FIRE PROTECTION, POLICE PROTECTION OR OTHER PUBLIC
18 SAFETY PROGRAMS, WATER AND SEWER OPERATIONS, AND ANY OBLIGATIONS
19 ESTABLISHED BY THE HARFORD COUNTY CHARTER OR STATE LAW.

20 (2) PROGRAMS IN EFFECT AT TIME OF ADOPTION OF
21 THIS ACT SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT, AND
22 SHALL BE REVIEWED ON A SCHEDULE AS IF THE PROGRAM STARTED
23 JULY 1, 1978.

24 Section 2. *And Be It Further Enacted*, that this Act shall take
25 effect sixty (60) calendar days from the date it becomes law.

26 EFFECTIVE: December 22, 1978
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Read the third time.

Passed LSD 78-32 (October 17, 1978) (with amendments)

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By order

Angela Markowski, Secretary

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive
for his approval this 18th day of October, 1978
at 11:15 o'clock A.M.



Angela Markowski, Secretary

BY THE EXECUTIVE

APPROVED:

[Signature]
County Executive
Date 10/23/78

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been approved by the Executive and
returned to the Council, becomes law on October 23, 1978.

Angela Markowski, Secretary

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 22, 1978

Rec'd for record 2/22 1979 at 3:56 P.M.
Same day recorded & examined, per
E. Douglas Chilcoat, Clerk

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